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Kids dance to an impromptu lunchtime performance from the Mothers of Nokemaq women's drumming group outside the Maritime Centre on Thursday. PATRICK MCKENNA/FOR METRO

Farmers' markets helping to feed hungry economies

Buying local. New study shows growing number of markets means big bucks for the province



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A sixth-generation farmer near Wolfville says now is the time for farmers'-market advocates to move away from the message of buying local to support small vendors, and get down to dollars and cents.

On Thursday, Farmers' Markets of Nova Scotia released a study that shows more than 55,000 adults shop at farmers' markets each week, and spend more than \$16 each per visit.

The number of markets has

Local food and fun

The study asked why people shop at farmers' markets. 45% said they do it to support the local food movement, while 30% said they do it to have a fun experience.

tripled to more than 40 over the last 10 years, which means Nova Scotia has the most markets per capita in Canada.

"My slice of the pie has remained pretty good, but the pie has gotten much bigger," said Alan Stewart of Stewart's Organic Farm at a launch event for the study at the Historic Brewery Market.

The study collected information from 21 farmers' markets over one day between July and August 2013. Keltie Butler, executive director of Farm-

ers' Markets of Nova Scotia, said the average market saw 1,300 people on the day of the study, resulting in \$22,650 circulating around the local economy.

"While the markets started small, the impact now ... is just tremendous," Butler said.

Stewart said he's not surprised Nova Scotia has the most markets because Blue-nosers have always had "an ability" to look after themselves.

Stewart said it's time to shift focus now to showing new customers the value to their own bottom line of switching from a supermarket chain.

"Our local economy should be more like a sponge, where it retains money and doesn't let it flow away," Stewart said. "Everybody gets a chance to get it back out."

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Latest data

Halifax population flatlines due to out-migration, study finds

A new study says while Atlantic Canada's largest city is growing, population rates in Halifax remain marginal because more people are moving elsewhere.

The Greater Halifax Partnership says the city's population grew by four tenths of one per cent in 2013, a rate slower than most Canadian cities and half the normal rate of growth.

Chief economist Fred Morley says keeping population growth rates high through retaining immigrants and new university graduates is key to supporting business and to growing the tax base.

The study says since 2001, migration has accounted for two thirds of Halifax's population growth.

It says the weak population growth in 2013 was due to declining immigration and a large spike in residents moving west to other provinces.

The study, known as the Halifax Index, says key economic opportunities lie in such measures as increasing density in the city's centre, retaining regional and head business offices and in making Halifax a major centre for big data research and business.

The index measures progress in Halifax against five benchmark cities including Quebec City, London, Ont; Regina, Victoria and St. John's, N.L.

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Workers continue construction on the Nova Centre in downtown Halifax last month. JEFF HARPER/METRO

Nova Centre focus of lawsuit against province

In court. Developer files documents in Nova Scotia Supreme Court, alleging province gave 'special deal' to convention centre developer



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The controversial Nova Centre is at the centre of a legal battle between a Halifax developer and the Nova Scotia government.

The Thiel Family Group of Companies filed a lawsuit in Nova Scotia Supreme Court Thursday against the province over exemptions granted for

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"We've invested more than \$100 million of private sector investment into the Halifax economy and we want to be treated the same way as every other developer."

Wolfgang Thiel, director of the Thiel Family Group of Companies

the construction of the new convention centre in downtown Halifax.

Company director Wolfgang Thiel said the province broke its own municipal planning laws in granting Argyle Developments, developer of the Nova Centre, a "special deal" that is unfair to other de-

velopers.

"We think that all the commercial developers should play by the same set of rules and that the provincial government maintains a level playing field for us," said Thiel, whose company owns the Bank of Montreal building, the TD Centre and the block of buildings proposed to be redeveloped as 22 Commerce Square.

"We concluded that ... the rules were not respected in this case, so that's why we filed the lawsuit."

Thiel stressed that he has no objections to the Nova Centre itself, but with how the provincial government fast-tracked the construction process.

The company said it's asking the Supreme Court to declare that the province broke the Municipal Government Act and the Halifax Regional Muni-

cipality Charter.

A release alleges the former NDP government had approved a regulatory change in August 2013 for an interim construction schedule.

It said the changes were made "to meet an aggressive and otherwise unobtainable construction schedule ... and gave an unfair advantage to Argyle over the interests of other private developers and commercial landlords."

Thiel said it's hoped a ruling against the government would stop future special exemptions and ensure a level playing field.

A government spokesperson said via email the province does not comment on matters before the courts.

Argyle Developments could not be reached for comment Thursday.

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A surfer rides a huge wave from an ocean swell created from offshore hurricane Leslie in Seaforth in this 2012 file photo. JEFF HARPER/METRO

Not just good surf — hurricane season begins

Preparation is key. Experts say this will be an average or below-average year, but readiness is a must

The Canadian Hurricane Centre says residents in Eastern Canada can expect an average or below-average level of hurricane activity this year.

But the centre's program manager, Bob Robichaud, said Thursday that doesn't mean Canadians should be complacent about the upcoming season, which runs from June to November.

"The ultimate goal is to remind people that it is hurricane season and we need to prepare, regardless of the number of storms that are predicted," he told a briefing in Halifax.

"There are lots of examples of quiet hurricane seasons that have generated devastating and deadly storms."

As an example, he cited 1992 when, in the midst of a quiet season, hurricane Andrew ripped across Florida with

walls of water and winds gusting to 265 kilometres per hour. More than one-million residents were ordered to flee their homes and at least 40 people were killed in Florida and the Bahamas.

Robichaud said last year was a particularly light hurricane season, but two tropical storms — Andrea in June and Gabrielle in September — prompted the hurricane centre to issue bulletins for Canadian territory, though neither storm was much of a threat.

One or two tropical storms typically affect the Canadian land mass every year, regardless of the level of hurricane activity over the ocean, Robichaud said.

Caution

"It only takes that one storm."

Chris Fogarty, program director at the Canadian Hurricane Centre, warning residents not to let their guard down, even if the forecast says the hurricane season is not looking too threatening right now.

As for this season, Robichaud said it would be "near or slightly below average." He said cooler ocean temperatures and the so-called El Niño effect are expected to suppress the number of tropical storms that develop.

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Bob Robichaud, a meteorologist at the Canadian Hurricane Centre, at a news conference in Dartmouth on Thursday. ANDREW VAUGHAN/THE CANADIAN PRESS



Soles for Souls giveaway Friday

Dana Mae, left, and Michelle Porter of Souls Harbour Rescue Mission sort through some of the 700+ pairs of running shoes they will be giving away from noon to 4 p.m. Friday as part of their Soles for Souls event. Most of the shoes were donated from the Blue Nose Marathon's annual shoe mountain. JEFF HARPER/METRO

Report: Nix cap on property assessments

'All about fairness.'

A push to move to a market value residential property assessment system

Cap

375,000

The number of properties that are capped in the province.

A new report says Nova Scotia's cap on residential property assessments is not fair to new homebuyers and should be axed.

The report was commissioned by the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities, the Association of Municipal Administrators and the Property Valuation Services Corporation to find ways to improve the province's municipal property tax system.

The report determined Nova Scotia's market value property assessment system is the fairest way to tax properties.

But changes need to be made, including eliminating the cap in favour of market-based assessments. The cap

was brought in by the provincial government in 2005, retroactive to 2001, the report said.

"This is all about fairness," David Corkum, mayor of Kentville and president of the union of municipalities, said at a press conference Thursday. "It's become evident that the cap is not fair."

The report, written by experts Harry Kitchen and Enid Slack, said stakeholders expressed in consultations that capping is inequitable because properties with similar market values are not paying the same taxes.

"Assessment capping shifts the property tax burden from those who have owned property for a long

time to recent homebuyers," the report said.

Corkum said the provincial government would make the final decision on whether to remove the cap and how it would be phased out.

Kevin Lacey, Atlantic director of the Canadian Taxpayers Federation, slammed the move Thursday.

"Lifting the property assessment cap just allows politicians to have an undefined take of taxpayers wallets," he said in a phone interview.

"It means that taxpayers will pay more in tax and governments will spend more."

Lacey said the cap adds predictability in the market. He argued it forces politicians to be accountable for taxpayers' money.

"Under a market system, if your assessment jumps by a greater value than (the consumer price index), or your market assessment jumps and the rates stay the same, you pay more in taxes," said Lacey. ALY THOMSON/METRO

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Nurses suspended over wildcat strike

Walkout. Union calls 2-day suspensions 'heavy-handed'

The majority of Halifax-area nurses who walked off the job illegally last month will receive disciplinary suspensions, a health official said Thursday.

Bruce English of the Cap-

ital District Health Authority said it's expected the move could affect 175 nurses.

"A number of these (nurses) are going to get suspensions because they are warranted," said English.

English wouldn't reveal the length of the disciplinary action, but said it would be implemented gradually and primarily during the

summer months when hospital operations are reduced.

He said replacement nurses would be available to cover the shifts of suspended employees.

Joan Jessome, president of the Nova Scotia Government and General Employees Union, said between 150 and 200 nurses were being handed two-day suspen-

sions.

She called the move "heavy-handed," and said the union would file grievances in each case.

"We didn't shy away from the fact there could be discipline," she said. "But two-day suspensions when the employer is over there talking about building bridges?"

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NSGEU Nurses protest in front of Province House in April. JEFF HARPER/METRO FILE

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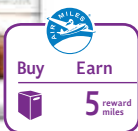
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Provincial court

Trial date set for one accused in high-profile child-porn case

One of two teens facing charges in a prominent child-pornography case will go to trial in November in Halifax provincial court.

A mandatory ban prohibits the identification of the alleged victim in the case, and the two youths charged cannot be named under the Youth Criminal Justice Act.

The name of the girl, who is deceased, has been previously widely reported but Judge Jamie Campbell made an order in accordance with the mandatory ban on identification of an alleged victim of child pornography during a hearing in April.

Two teens face charges of distributing child pornography in connection with the case, while one of them also faces a charge of making child pornography.

The trial for the other youth charged will be begun in September.

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Cold case. Police seeking suspects in 3-year-old stabbing

Major crime investigators in Halifax are looking for information that could help solve the murder of a man in Dartmouth three years ago.

Police responded to a report of a stabbing at the Majestic Manor apartment complex on Primrose Street around 11:15 p.m. on May 22, 2011.

Officers found James Gregory Wareham, 37, suffering from a stab wound in an apartment. He was rushed to hospital, and died a short time later.

Investigators said at the time they believed a man known to the victim entered the apartment, an argument ensued and Wareham was stabbed.

Wareham was originally from New Waterford, and his uncle said shortly after the murder that he believed his nephew was trying to help a friend when he was killed.

A release from Halifax Regional Police states that investigators believe there are members of the public who may have information related to the case, and are asking them to come for-



James Gregory Wareham
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Nova Star. New ferry out of commission for 3 days

The new Nova Star ferry will be out of service for three days next week, less than two weeks after its inaugural voyage from Maine to Yarmouth.

Nova Star Cruises Ltd. states in a release that the maintenance, from May 27-29, includes the replacement of the ship's Marine Evacuation System (MES).

The release states that the ferry has been operating with a "fully functioning and com-

pliant loaner MES," which will be switched out for the original system.

The Portland departures on May 27 and 28, and the Yarmouth departures on May 28 and 29, will be cancelled. Passengers will be given refunds and the opportunity to rebook passage.

The ferry will resume regular service on May 29, departing Portland at 9 p.m. EST. **METRO**



The Nova Star arrives in Yarmouth for the first time on May 16, 2014.

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Necrotizing fasciitis

Capital Health treated flesh-eating-disease case

Capital Health confirmed Thursday they dealt with a case of flesh-eating disease earlier this week, but the illness is no longer in their hospitals.

Everton McLean, a spokesman for Capital Health, said he couldn't comment on who had

developed the illness or where they were due to privacy reasons, but the situation was taken "very seriously."

He said those people who have group A Streptococcus, a bacteria which can develop into flesh-eating disease in rare cases, are separated from other patients.

McLean said the illness is treatable, and between 90 to 200 cases are reported across Canada each year. **HALEY RYAN/METRO**

'It's going to be a transformative project'

Garden Building Day. Mulgrave Park to kick off community garden



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Dozens of kids and community members are expected to get their hands dirty this Saturday for Garden Building Day in Mulgrave Park, which Chelsea Tims hopes could be a "transformative project" for the neighbourhood.

Progress in the Park, an initiative around empowering residents of the public housing complex in Halifax's north end, will be constructing 12 raised beds on Saturday with the help of Home Harvest.

"A lot of people are really, really excited," said Tims, the garden manager, on Thursday.

Tims said other projects had been left unfinished in the past, so it was difficult to get people involved at first.

"But the closer we get to

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"It's getting people out talking to each other, and just building stronger relationships."

Chelsea Tims, garden manager



Paige Farah, project creator and manager, left, and Chelsea Tims, garden manager, pose for a photo in Mulgrave Park on Thursday. **PATRICK MCKENNA/FOR METRO**

the building date, the more people we're getting signed up for plots and coming in and talking to us."

Tims said many of the project's organizers are students from the Enactus program at Saint Mary's University, who are also trying to build a new playground for the neighbourhood's 250 families.

Lyly Boan, one of project managers, said Saturday's event runs from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and will be the "first big event" to draw lots of residents together with music

and a barbecue.

The four-by-12 garden beds will be filled with vegetables, herbs, flowers, and maybe a pumpkin patch, Tims said, but it's also up to individuals to decide what to plant.

Tims said they hope to eventually have enough produce to sell at the farmers' market or in the neighbourhood, and have kids' workshops on the environment and nutrition.

She said Hope Blooms, a garden project started on Brunswick Street by young

people who now sell dressings made of their herbs, is "essentially what we're hoping to do one day."

Many of Mulgrave Park's 900 residents rely on the food bank or are pressed for resources, and Tims said they're hoping the garden improves food security and changes the area's stigma of crime and poverty.

"There's some really amazing individuals in the community, and we're really hoping it's going to be a transformative project," said Tims.

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Crown suggests date-rape drug may have been used, undetected

Lyle Howe case.

Crown suggests that quickly metabolized drug was given to victim; defence calls assertion 'speculation'



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The Crown is raising concerns that an undetected but quickly metabolized date-rape drug may have played a role in the sexual assault case against Halifax-based lawyer Lyle Howe.

Crown counsel Darcy MacPherson suggested Thursday afternoon that gamma hydroxybutyrate — GHB — may have been administered three years ago to the then-19-year-old alleged sexual assault vic-

tim, despite escaping detection in body fluid samples provided the following day during a rape kit.

"The (complainant's) urine sample that was analyzed was taken more than 24 hours after there might have been any GHB introduced," said MacPherson.

"If that's the case it's most likely that it wouldn't have shown up because GHB is eliminated from the body at a rela-

tively quick pace."

Defence attorney Mike Taylor dismissed the suggestion as "pure speculation."

"It's simply because nothing's found so let's just suggest GHB was present and hope that the jury grabs onto that," said Taylor.

"You're trying to prove a negative, which is extremely difficult to do."

Thursday was day one for

the defence; Taylor began his case by calling to the stand toxicology expert Joel Mayer.

Mayer testified the level of codeine detected in the complainant's system would not have had a noticeable impact on her, even when combined with alcohol.

Mayer said alcohol would have been a greater contributor to the complainant's apparent impairment.

Using earlier testimony, he calculated the alleged victim's blood alcohol concentration the night of the alleged assault as somewhere between 0.110 and 0.135 by 10:30 p.m. (the legal driving limit is 0.08), with 8 ounces of alcohol consumed over 2.5 hours.

Halifax lawyer Lyle Howe pleaded not guilty to sexual assault and issuing a stupefying agent in March 2011.



The wheels on the public works vehicle go round and round

Kids check out some of the big vehicles of the HRM public works department as part of display at the Halifax Forum on Thursday. May 18-24 is National Public Works Week. JEFF HARPER/METRO

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Syrian gov't troops break year-long rebel prison siege

Political victory.

Military success in rebellious north with presidential elections two weeks away

Syrian tanks backed by massive air power rolled into the grounds of a sprawling prison in Aleppo on Thursday, breaking a year-long rebel siege and allowing President Bashar Assad's forces to close in on a nearby rebel command centre.

State TV showed troops celebrating inside the prison complex, showcasing a rare government triumph in the mostly rebel-held north less than two weeks before President Bashar Assad's expected re-election.

The Syrian army has made gains around the capital, Damascus, seat of Assad's power, and in the centre of the coun-

try. It has now turned its attention to the north and rebel-held parts of the south, where it seeks to advance ahead of the June 3 vote dismissed by Western powers as a sham.

Aleppo, once Syria's prized commercial centre, has been carved into rebel- and government-controlled areas since opposition fighters launched an offensive in mid-2012.

Aleppo Central Prison, which lies on a highway about six kilometres north of the city, has been caught in the middle of the country's civil war, its 4,000 inmates, including women, trapped in a hell of daily battles, fear and disease.

Government forces stormed the prison at dawn Wednesday after rebels fled under intense aerial bombardment, according to Aleppo-based activists and the Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights.

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In this photo released by the Syrian official news agency SANA, Syrian government soldiers stand guard on the roof of Aleppo prison in Aleppo, Syria, Thursday. SANA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Russia, China block UN censure of Syria

Russia and China on Thursday vetoed a UN Security Council resolution referring the Syrian crisis to the International Criminal Court for investigation of possible war crimes.

This is the fourth time Russia and China have used their veto power as permanent council members to deflect action against the government of President Bashar Assad. The

13 other council members voted in favour of the resolution.

The resolution would have referred Syria's crisis, now in its fourth year, to the world's

permanent war crimes tribunal for investigation of possible war crimes and crimes against humanity, without specifically targeting either the government or the opposi-

tion.

French Ambassador Gerard Araud warned, "A veto would cover up all crimes. It would be vetoing justice."

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Bombings. Attackers kill 31 in China

Attackers hurled bombs from two SUVs that plowed through shoppers at a busy street market in China's volatile northwestern region of Xinjiang on Thursday, killing 31 people and wounding more than 90.

The early morning attack in the city of Urumqi was the bloodiest in a series of violent incidents over recent months that Chinese authorities have blamed on radical separatists from the country's Muslim Uighur minority.

Uighur activists contend that restrictive and discriminatory policies favouring the Chinese migrants are fuelling the bloodshed.

The two vehicles crashed through barriers at 7:50 a.m. and drove right into the crowds while setting off explosives, according to a statement by the Xinjiang regional government. It was unclear how many assailants were in the cars. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Thai government overthrown as military stages bloodless coup

Constitution scrapped.

Nationwide curfew ordered; 18 government officials ordered to report to new governing military commission

Thailand's military seized power Thursday in a bloodless coup, dissolving the government, scrapping the constitution and dispersing groups of protesters from both sides of the country's political divide who had gathered in Bangkok and raised fears of a violent showdown.

The powerful army chief, Gen. Prayuth Chan-ocha, announced the military takeover in a statement broadcast on national television. It was followed by additional announcements including a nationwide curfew from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. and an order for 18 government officials



Anti-government protesters raise fists and sing the national anthem during a gathering in Bangkok, Thailand, on Thursday. SAKCHAI LALIT/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

— including the ousted prime minister — to report immediately to the country's new governing military commission.

Soldiers kept a low profile in the centre of the capital. But as the curfew approached, troops diverted traffic at key intersections and used armoured personnel carriers to block some main roads, including the one in front of

the U.S. Embassy. Soldiers dispersed most demonstrators from two protest sites where competing groups were camped out — one backing the now-ousted elected government and another that had struggled for seven months to unseat it.

Although the military insisted it wasn't taking sides, its ousting of the government

met the key goal of the anti-government protesters. The pro-government "Red Shirt" supporters had earlier said they would not tolerate a coup, but there were no immediate signs of resistance or reports of violence. The military provided hundreds of buses to take the protesters home.

An army spokesman later announced that it had dissolved the caretaker government and cancelled the constitution, but the Senate would remain in place. He said Prayuth would assume the duties of the prime minister until a new one was in place.

The army also ordered the suspension of all television broadcasting and replaced programming with patriotic music to fill air time between announcements.

The coup was the 12th since Thailand's absolute monarchy ended in 1932.

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Reaction

Army action chided by Canada

Foreign Affairs Minister John Baird has condemned the military takeover in Thailand and is urging a rapid return to civilian rule.

"Canada condemns the decision today by the Royal Thai Army to seize control from Thailand's elected government, to suspend the Thai constitution and to restrict civil liberties," he said in a statement.

The Thai ambassador in Ottawa was called in to hear Canada's concerns directly.

Baird says Canada wants action. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



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Budget cuts

The university released a plan last month that includes cutting jobs, reorganizing the administration and dissolving some programs to try to save about \$25 million.

- The cuts are part of a bigger goal to address a projected \$44.5-million deficit in the school's operating budget by 2016.

U of S. School's president fired amid budget controversy

University of Saskatchewan students who called for the school's president to resign say they're relieved that she has been fired.

Ilene Busch-Vishniac, who sparked controversy with planned budget cuts and with the firing of a tenured professor who spoke out about them, was herself let go Wednesday night.

Nick Marlatte, who organized a rally earlier this week, said it's a good step toward restoring the Saskatoon-based school's reputation.

"I think it indicates that there's some hope that the quality of the university is going to be preserved and that the board of governors actually understands that people are not only upset but actually scared about the future of this institution," Marlatte said in a phone interview Thursday.

Marlatte said students are pleased to see the university's board of governors change direction, but he's still apprehensive about how things will move forward.

"There's been a lot of talk that things are going to change," he said.

"But I can't say that there's much trust ... and I'm not going to really assume any trust until there is very definite sort of proof that that's the case."

Prof. Robert Buckingham, who was also executive director of the School of Public Health, was fired last week after writing a letter to the government and Opposition about the cuts.

Busch-Vishniac admitted a few days later that the university "made a blunder" in its handling of Buckingham. He was offered back — and accepted — his tenure position, but Busch-Vishniac said he would not be reinstated as head of the School of Public Health.

The board made a "very difficult decision, but very necessary decision" in firing Busch-Vishniac, Advanced Education Minister Rob Norris said Thursday. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



Breaking the rules for little Humphrey

The Toronto Zoo is working with a Greater Toronto Area school to find the appropriate discipline for a couple of teens who hopped a fence at the polar bear maternity exhibit to touch a baby polar bear, named Humphrey, and take selfies with it while on a field trip. Zoo officials are using a video the teens took and posted online in the investigation. **CONTRIBUTED**

Canada to support seal hunt despite embargo

WTO. Challenging the EU ban on seal products proves to be unsuccessful

Canada lost its bid to overturn Europe's ban on imported seal products Thursday but seized on World Trade Organization (WTO) findings that

aspects of the embargo breach international obligations.

A WTO appeal decision released in Geneva upheld a previous ruling that the European Union ban is "necessary to protect public morals" regarding animal welfare.

It also says the embargo "constitutes a means of arbitrary or unjustifiable discrimination," particularly because of how exemptions for seal

products from Inuit or indigenous communities are handled. At issue was a challenge by Canada and Norway of the 28-member EU's 2010 ban on the import and sale of seal fur, meat and other products.

It's the end of the line for appeals at the WTO, but Fisheries Minister Gail Shea said Ottawa will still support the industry through product research and other measures. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



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4,300-year-old dino found? Creation museum exhibits dinosaur skeleton

A new exhibit of a nine-metre-long fossil skeleton of an Allosaurus, which resembles a Tyrannosaurus rex, is set to open at a Kentucky museum that asserts dinosaurs lived alongside humans a few thousand years ago.

A release from Answers in Genesis, the Christian ministry that owns the Creation Museum, said about 50 per cent

of the skeleton's bones were recovered when it was found in Colorado over a decade ago.

Keeping with its Bible-themed approach, the Creation Museum says the dinosaur died in a worldwide flood about 4,300 years ago. Most scientists say the last dinosaurs roamed the earth more than 60 million years ago.

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West Virginia

Oops, councilman left off of ballot

With no opposition for his city council seat in a small town on West Virginia's Northern Panhandle, Curtis Mele figured his ticket to a third consecutive term was secure. Instead, a clerical error left his name off the ballot and another councilman was listed as the candidate in his district in Benwood.

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Random deliveries

Underwear man delivers bread

Authorities say a man stole a New York City bakery truck and began delivering loaves of bread to random businesses, wearing only his underwear.

Police say David Bastar hopped into Grimaldi's Home of Bread truck on Manhattan's Upper East Side early Monday.

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Fans cheer on the Bills at Ralph Wilson Stadium in Orchard Park, New York. Some fans have started an online petition to ban Jon Bon Jovi songs because the singer has been linked to a developer interested in purchasing a franchise and moving it to Toronto. TOM SZCZERBOWSKI/GETTY IMAGES

Fans seek ban on Bon Jovi songs

Buffalo Bills. A Bills fan club wants to ban songs by the U.S. rock star as part of an attempt to keep the team in New York

As far as some Buffalo Bills fans are concerned, rock musician Jon Bon Jovi can live on a prayer anywhere but western New York.

A Bills fan club recently founded to keep the NFL team in western New York has started an online petition to ban songs by Bon Jovi.

The New Jersey rocker has been linked to a Toronto-based developer interested in purchasing a franchise and moving it to Canada's largest city.

The founders of 12th Man Thunder are asking Buffalo-area bars to ban Bon Jovi's music from being played by

DJs, live bands or juke boxes. They say so far 28 businesses have established "Bon Jovi Free Zones."

The group says more than 3,500 people have signed its online petition supporting efforts to keep the Bills in western New York.

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This photo released by police shows suspect Isidro Garcia, age 41, who was arrested in Santa Ana, Calif. SANTA ANA POLICE DEPARTMENT/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Man charged in case of girl missing since 2004

Alleged kidnapping.

Woman, now 25, says mother's former boyfriend raped her over 10-year period

Prosecutors charged a man Thursday with kidnapping his former girlfriend's 15-year-old daughter a decade ago and repeatedly sexually assaulting her.

Isidro Medrano Garcia faces five felony counts, including

rape and kidnapping to commit a sexual offence, the Orange County district attorney's office said. His arraignment was expected later in the day.

The woman, now 25, came forward this week and told police that Garcia had abducted her and then through physical, mental and sexual abuse kept her from reuniting with her family since her 2004 disappearance.

Garcia forced the woman to marry in 2007 and fathered a daughter with her in 2012, according to investigators with the Santa Ana Police Department.

Police described an ordeal during which the woman — broken through mental, physical and sexual abuse — was moved at least four times and given multiple fake identities to hide her from family and authorities.

The woman, whom police have not identified by name, said she often thought about escaping but did not out of fear, even though in recent years she was not physically held captive.

"I was very afraid about everything because I was alone," she said in an interview with KABC-TV that aired Wednesday night.

Police said that she had arrived in the U.S. from Mexico several months before her abduction and didn't speak English at the time.

On Monday she contacted police, who said she did so after reconnecting in recent weeks with her sister on Facebook.

In Bell Gardens — a working class city near Los Angeles and about 20 miles from where she originally vanished — stunned neighbours who knew the suspect as Tomas Medrano

Accusations refuted

Lawyer says girl is lying about abuse

The attorney for a man charged with abducting a California teen 10 years ago and forcing her into marriage says her claims of physical and sexual abuse are lies made up because the couple is breaking up.

Attorney Charles Frisco said Thursday outside a brief court hearing that his client, Isidro Medrano Garcia, denies all the allegations, never hit his wife, and would never have prevented her from leaving.

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"I was very afraid about everything because I was alone."

Woman, 25, who claims she was abducted 10 years earlier and endured physical, mental and physical abuse over that period

found the woman's portrait of him hard to reconcile with the man they knew.

Police said Garcia repeatedly told the victim her family had given up looking for her.

Only recently, she contacted her sister on Facebook and they started to communicate, police said. She also learned that her mother had indeed tried to find her, going to media, including a Spanish-language television station and newspaper in 2004.

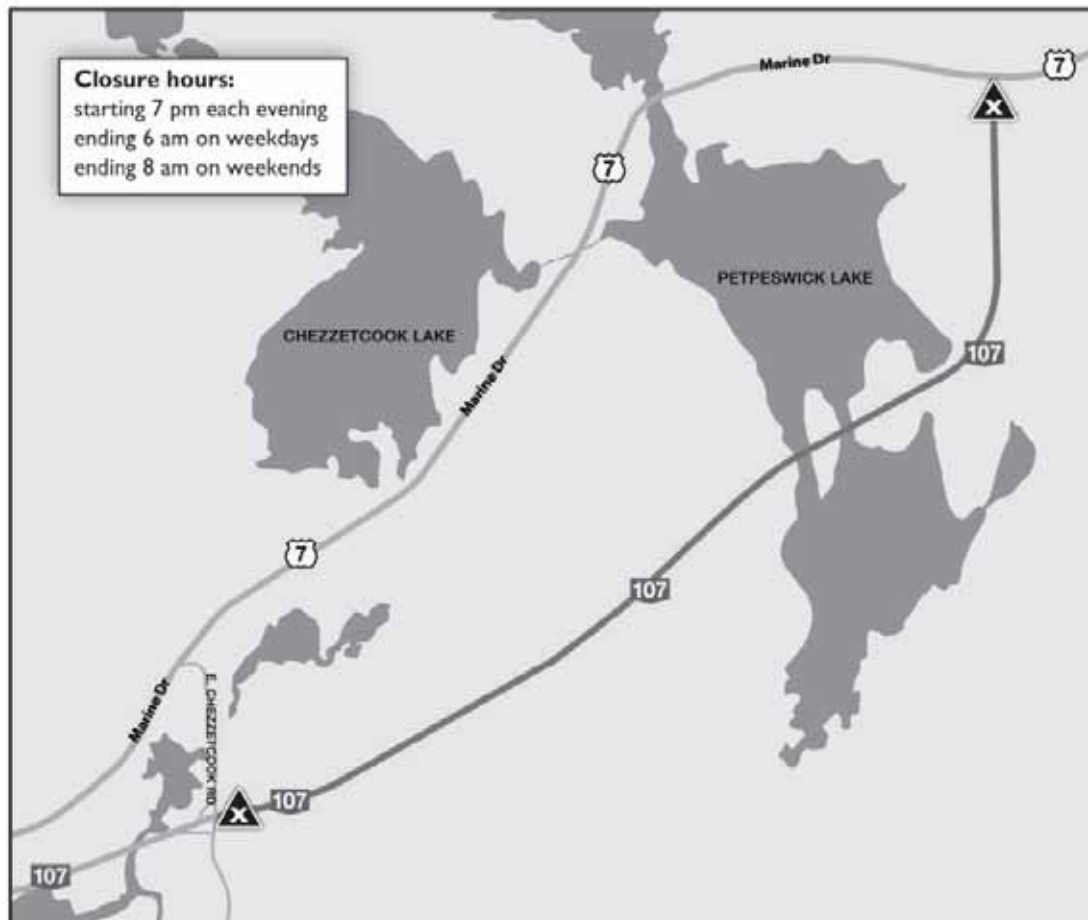
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People attend a demonstration in Abuja, Nigeria, calling on the government to rescue almost 300 kidnapped schoolgirls. SUNDAY ALAMBA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Nigerian president gives protesters cold shoulder

'Bring back our girls!'
President sends proxy out to talk to crowd, statement urges them to stop criticizing

Scores of protesters chanting "Bring Back Our Girls" marched Thursday to Nigeria's presidential villa to demand more action to free nearly 300 schoolgirls abducted by Islamic militants, but President Goodluck Jonathan did not meet

with them, leaving a proxy to deliver a lecture that further angered the demonstrators.

"Another small window for Jonathan and he refuses to use it" one protester yelled. "What a stupid move!"

The protesters complained that Jonathan did not even meet some of the parents of abducted children who came to see him earlier this month.

Many schools across the country also closed Thursday to protest recent abductions and the killings of scores of teachers by Islamic extremists in recent years.

In Maiduguri, the northeast city that is the birthplace of Boko Haram, protesting teachers said they "can no longer tolerate government insensitivity to the plight of the girls and the education sector."

In Abuja the marchers sang, "All we are saying is bring back our girls," to the tune of John Lennon's iconic "Give Peace a Chance."

Cabinet ministers and aides told the crowd of about 300

West blamed

Boko Haram — the nickname means "Western education is forbidden" — blames Western influences for endemic corruption that keeps most Nigerians in poverty despite the country's wealth of oil, minerals, agriculture and thriving movie industry.

people that Jonathan was not home. A message from the president was read urging Nigerians to unite and stop criticizing the government.

Civil society groups were counselled to "encourage Nigerians to supply useful information to the security services."

That inflamed the crowd since that is exactly what residents of Chibok did. If the military had responded to their warnings, the girls might never have been kidnapped.

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U.S. joins hunt for schoolgirls

Eighty U.S. Air Force personnel have begun their mission in Chad to help locate nearly 300 schoolgirls kidnapped in neighbouring Nigeria, a U.S. military spokesman said Thursday.

The girls and young women were kidnapped on April 15 from a school in the northeast Nigerian town of Chibok by an Islamic extremist group known as Boko Haram. The

group's leader has threatened to sell most of the estimated 276 schoolgirls still being held into slavery unless the Nigerian government releases detained militants.

President Barack Obama told Congress in a letter Wednesday about the deployment.

Obama said the service members will help with intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance aircraft for missions over northern Nigeria and the nearby region.

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Death toll at 130. Search goes on for bomb victims

Family and friends of the wounded and missing continued to search for victims Thursday in the wake of two bomb blasts that rocked a bustling marketplace in the Nigerian city of Jos.

Residents say government action could have helped avert at least one of the two bombings Tuesday. The death toll has risen to at least 130, making them the deadliest bombings yet committed by Boko Haram extremists.

Market vendors said their suspicions were aroused by a white van that had been parked for hours under a pedestrian bridge, according to Mark Lipdo of the Christian charity Stefanos Foundation. He said they warned soldiers near a checkpoint, but nothing was done.

Many of the dead may never be identified, University of Jos student leader Dickson Odeh said after his group searched several hospital mortuaries.

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Olga Radchenko is heading back to her birth country — but not to visit relatives.

"The current situation has become so incredibly polarized," says the 28-year-old, who moved to Toronto with her Ukrainian family at the age of 10. "I want to play a positive role. I hope this can help resolve the crisis."

Radchenko left on Victoria Day as one of 500 Canadians observing Ukraine's election. For a third time in a decade, a large delegation of Canadians are taking weeks off work to head to Ukraine. They'll be attending campaign rallies, inspecting polling stations and watching ballot counts.

"I feel nothing short of honoured," says Radchenko, echoing two other election observers who spoke to Metro. "I think it's a great role for Canada to play."

Governments who struggle with corruption often invite election observers from other countries to deter voter fraud, bolstering an election's credibility. Ukraine's Sunday election is being monitored by the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE), a group supported by 57 governments including Canada, the U.S. and Russia.

Radchenko has a good understanding of her 10-day duty as a short-term observer.

"The general job description is to be an unbiased observer of the electoral process leading up to the election; and the days of the vote counting, to watch carefully and to record what's happening."

The OSCE gives observers intensive training upon arrival in the country of the vote. Observers normally wear a lanyard, which election officers are trained to recognize. Observers are instructed to watch for anything that leads to an unfair vote.

Some examples given by

Past votes

Canada regularly sends handfuls of experienced observers to oversee elections being conducted under difficult circumstances. For example, two long-term observers joined an OSCE-led mission tracking Mongolia's presidential elections last June. Others include:

- Ukraine's 2012 parliamentary election — 490 observers
- Haiti's 2011 presidential election — 30 observers
- Palestine's 2006 parliamentary election — 58 observers

SOURCE: CANADEM

History

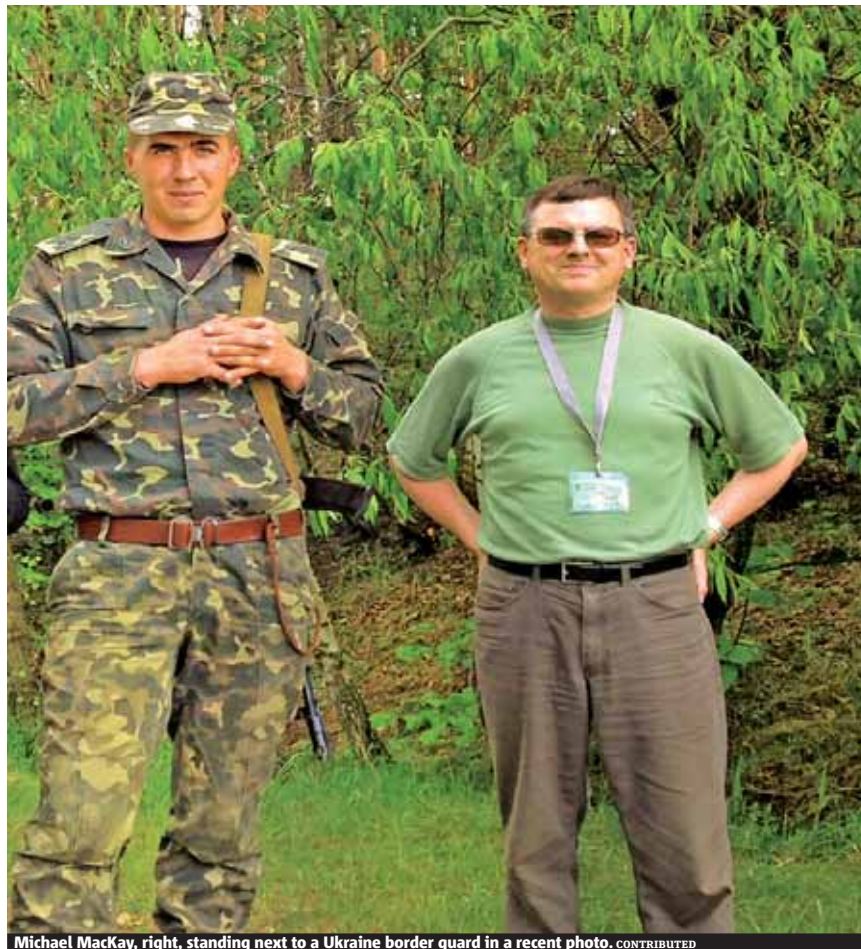
Modern election monitoring started with an 1857 vote in Romania, but the concept gained popularity after the end of the Cold War, as countries like Ukraine embraced democracy.

- While monitors produce a report, having watchers deters vote rigging.

monitoring groups include: making sure ballot boxes are empty before voting starts, verifying poll booths are secure, watching for intimidation, listening for campaigning from election officers, detailing how many ballots were disqualified and why, and making sure ballot boxes aren't whisked away.

Most monitoring groups require observers stay in groups of two. Generally, observers don't speak or ask questions unless they're senior monitors investigating an incident. Observers take meticulous notes — often a detailed form for short-term observers — and report to their team leader, who supervises groups of five to 20 people. The findings are usually tallied in a brief report shortly after the vote and a more detailed one afterward.

Long-term observers like Michael MacKay of Ottawa are in Ukraine for up to 10 weeks. They're monitoring



Michael MacKay, right, standing next to a Ukraine border guard in a recent photo. CONTRIBUTED

campaigns and media coverage and tracking the electoral commission's logistics down to individual polling stations. Generally, they issue weekly reports and welcome the short-term observers.

"There's an external pressure that was not present last two terms," says MacKay, who also monitored Ukraine's vote in 2010 and 2004, when Canada first sent a large delegation. "The stakes are higher than they've ever been."

Governments who send delegates usually assign independent organizations to recruit and select observers. OSCE guidelines suggest candidates with prior monitoring experience and language skills. Most observers get

their foot in the door by applying for a country they've studied or lived in, according to Canada's main civilian-reserve group, Canadem.

Many of the 1,500 Canadians who applied to observe Ukraine's election are among the 1.2 million Canadians with Ukrainian roots. There's also a contingent of academics who observe multiple elections. MacKay worked with people who had served in Kosovo, Sri Lanka and Haiti.

Transportation, insurance, meals and accommodation are covered by the governments — our government estimates the 500-strong delegation will cost \$10 million.

But for the observers it's a big time commitment for

a vote with no guaranteed outcome, as Metro's Saskatchewan columnist Christina Cherneskey knows well.

"To call the 2012 election democratic is a sham. I left without even knowing who won," Cherneskey recalls.

While voting went smoothly, she had to stay up all night to make sure nobody tampered with the ballot boxes. When someone finally came in the morning, they drove the ballots to the district office, where things seemed chaotic. Inside, it was an "exhausting, intense fiasco" where every scribble and acronym was used as an excuse to toss out votes.

"I left feeling empty," she said.

Olga Radchenko

"I know that (the OSCE) has done this ... in various countries and in Ukraine specifically, so I'm not concerned."

Communications consultant, Toronto, short-term observer



Michael MacKay

"The mood isn't exhilaration; it's a determination. They're very realistic; they know there could be bad outcomes."

IT consultant and instructor, Ottawa, long-term observer



Christina Cherneskey

"I'd say 95 per cent of people were happy we were there. They would thank us."

Radio producer and Metro columnist, Regina, former long-term observer





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'We are worth more!' Protesters not lovin' the low pay at McDonald's

McDonald's CEO Don Thompson sought to address a growing chorus of critics on issues including worker pay and marketing to children at its annual meeting Thursday.

As hundreds of protesters chanted for higher wages outside, Thompson told the audience in the building that the company has a heritage of providing job opportunities that lead to "real careers."

"We believe we pay fair and competitive wages,"

CEO responds

"We believe we pay fair and competitive wages."

McDonald's CEO Don Thompson, at its annual meeting Thursday

Thompson said.

A day earlier, McDonald's closed one of its buildings in Oak Brook, Ill., where protesters had planned to demonstrate over the low wages paid to its workers.

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Protesters rally on Wednesday near the McDonald's Corp. headquarters in Oak Brook, Ill., decrying low wages. BEV HORNE/DAILY HERALD/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Facebook

Dino reminds you your mom can see that drunk post

More Facebook users can expect to see a blue cartoon dinosaur popping up in their feeds, reminding them to check their privacy settings.

No stranger to privacy fiascos, Facebook had already made the tool available to users who were posting public updates.

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World's largest gold producer hit with suit

Barrick Gold Corp.

Class-action lawsuit launched after mine project in South America misses construction deadline

Several Canadian law firms are pursuing a class action against Barrick Gold Corp. and some of its current and former senior officers, alleging they misrepresented how much risk the company faced when it undertook construction of the multibillion-dollar Pascua-Lama mine project in South America.

The project involves one of the world's largest deposits of gold, estimated at nearly 18 million ounces, but the company missed its original target of starting production in early 2013 due to opposition from local groups and Chilean authorities.

The suit, filed Wednesday with the Ontario Superior Court of Justice, alleges Barrick described Pascua-Lama as



Mining machinery and barrels of chemicals at the facilities of Barrick Gold Corp.'s Pascua-Lama project in northern Chile. JORGE SAENZ/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

a feasible and highly economic project due to the low cost to construct the mine and to produce gold and silver from it, adding that the company knew or should have known that it would have to overcome significant obstacles.

"The mine is located underneath glaciers in the Andes mountains, and the environ-

ment is subject to extreme temperature and weather changes. Barrick is a sophisticated mining company that has constructed and operated mines all over the world. The challenges in developing Pascua-Lama were or should have been readily apparent to Barrick," the claim alleges.

"There was also consider-

able opposition to the Pascua-Lama project from local communities that depended on the water supply the glaciers provided. These communities, along with various environmental groups, were concerned about adverse impacts of mining on the glaciers and contamination of the water supply."

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Norway buys island for the 'common good'

Norway says it will buy a vast tranche of private land on its Arctic island of Svalbard a week after a Chinese property tycoon said he wanted the land to build a resort for wealthy travellers.

Trade Minister Monica Maeland said Thursday the "common good" on the island is best served if the 216 square kilometres were in public hands.

Last week, developer Huang Nubo had talked up the pos-

sibility of persuading hardy Chinese and Russian tourists to visit the icy island famous for its snow-covered mountains, fjords and glaciers.

Huang's purchase would have given him a foothold along a potential Arctic shipping route that could cut weeks off the current trade route from the Far East to European and North American markets.

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The view from a dogsled going through the mountains overlooking Longyearbyen, Svalbard, in Norway. NICK JESDANUN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE



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HASHTAG DICTIONARY SELFIE

1 Happy birthday, Mr. Rubik('s cube): The addictive Candy Crush is all the rage nowadays, but back in the day it was the of-line game Rubik's cube. The cube turned 40 this week and its birthday trended on Twitter. Google even honoured it with a supercool 3-D interactive doodle. I never could solve the darn thing, but man it was a badge of honour to carry it around at school — almost completed.

2 #Dictionary. Further proof (like we needed it) that social media is where it's at: among the new words added to Merriam-Webster's 2014 collegiate dictionary are "hashtag," "selfie," "tweep" and "crowdfunding." Yep, it's cool to read the dictionary again, kids. Just make sure to live-tweet it as you study it — and watch your auto-correct.

3 Corey Hart about to hang up the sunglasses (at night). The '80s teen icon behind the hit singles Sunglasses at Night and Never Surrender has announced his May 31 concert at the Bell Centre in Montreal will be his last perform-



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ance. Also, he's releasing a self-published memoir, Corey Hart: Chasing the Sun. Here's hoping it includes a chapter on how we all chased his spiky hair look.

4 Cine-please, the movies are expensive enough. The Cineplex movie chain is doing a pilot program at the Varsity location in Toronto's Manulife Centre where patrons can pay extra to get prime seats in the middle rows of the theatre. This idea will either be a box-office smash or bust. Either way, it better come with extra-comfy chairs and buttered popcorn delivered to my seat.

5 See Doogie Howser, M.D., in celebrity rehab? Neil Patrick Harris's website teased out a unique upcoming autobiography that lets you choose the narrative — and the path of his life. Choose the right path on this adventure biography and get a tryout for Doogie Howser, M.D. Choose the wrong one and you could land yourself, er, him on a stint of Celebrity Rehab.

6 Enduring imagination. Brayden Denton, a five-year-old from Newton County, Ind., who died of brain cancer earlier this month, was a huge fan of superheroes — his favourite being Spider-Man. So when he passed away, his pallbearers dressed as Spidey, Batman, Superman, Thor, The Hulk and Iron Man. Brayden is in superhero heaven now. RIP, little guy.

7 May the Force (for Change) be with you. Donate \$10 and you could have the chance to appear in J.J. Abrams' Star Wars: Episode VII sci-fi sequel. This is part of a new charity campaign run by Disney called Star Wars: Force for Change, and the proceeds go to UNICEF's Innovation Labs. Great idea that more movies and TV shows should embrace and offer fans.

8 Polar bear, Pooh-Bear and the prince. It didn't have the hoopla of Will and Kate's rock star-esque tour of 2011, but Prince Charles and Camilla's four-day visit to Nova Scotia, P.E.I. and Manitoba did draw buzz in a country that loves its royals. It was capped off in Winnipeg with a bear theme: Charles fed a polar bear at Assiniboine Park Zoo, and the royally dynamic duo visited the Winnie the Pooh Gallery museum.

ZOOM

This is too close to bear!



German photographer Ingo Arndt got close to this brown bear using a robo-camera vehicle. COURTESY INGO ARNDT

Wildlife photography

Photog uses robo-car to snap bear

Grizzly bears may look cute and cuddly, but they can also pull off a wicked death scare. The many personalities of the brown bear (*Ursus arctos*) have been captured by award-winning wildlife photographer Ingo Arndt, who travelled to the remote Lake Clark National Park in Alaska to document the majestic beast. **MWN**

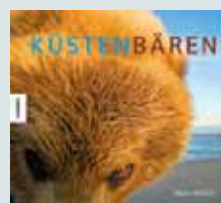
Up close and personal

"This female coastal brown bear still had her very woolly winter coat. The weather was just perfect for the photo: warm light on the bear's head, nice clouds and a blue sky. She really looks both fearsome and affectionate."

Ingo Arndt, wildlife photographer based in Langen, Germany

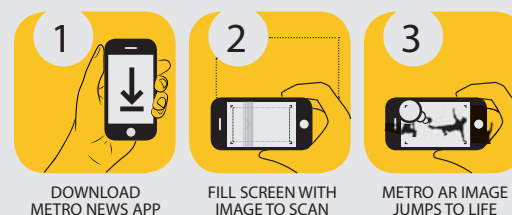
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Arndt's photos of grizzlies feature in new book "Coastal Bears" (Küstenbären), published by Knesebeck.



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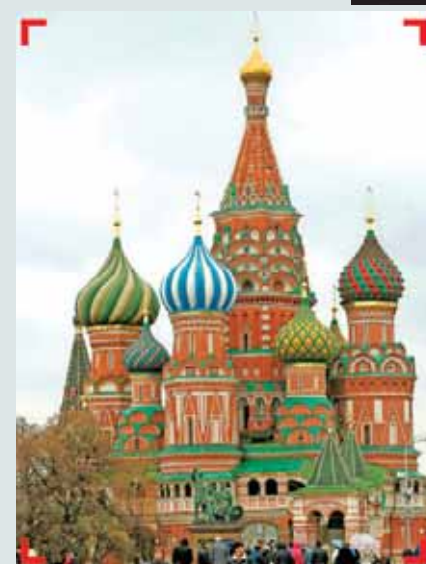
"Meanwhile in ..."



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Look, we get it. The "Meanwhile in Russia" thing is getting old and likely looking forward to retirement in Played Out country.

But sometimes one comes across a video — with zero context, mind you — that appears to be evidence of behaviour that sits so comfortably at the point where bizarre and reckless meet that, well, the only way to introduce it is "Meanwhile in Russia." (VideoCompilationTV/YouTube)



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Hugh Jackman stars in X-Men: Days of Future Past. CONTRIBUTED

Synopsis

Based on a 1981 two-issue special of the X-Men comic series, the new film begins in a post-apocalyptic future. Menacing robot warriors called Sentinels have created chaos for the mutant race, bringing them to the edge of extinction. To combat the threat, long-time enemies Professor X (Patrick Stewart) and Magneto (Ian McKellen) team up with Storm (Halle Berry), Blink (Fan Bingbing), Bishop (Omar Sy) and use Kitty Pryde's (Ellen Page) teleportation ability to send Wolverine (Hugh Jackman) back in time to change history and prevent the creation of the murderous automations.

- Richard: ●●●●
- Mark: ●●●●

X-Men. The latest instalment lives up to the franchise's reputation for smart, fun summer fare

Richard: Mark, Days of Future Past offers up two for the price of one. Merging the young versions of Magneto and Professor X with their older counterparts is a cool idea, and certainly gives the movie a boost in the marquee department, but I felt the old timers were left with their own heightened sense of drama and not much else. It seems a shame to have Mc-

Kellen and Stewart, the Martin and Lewis of mutants, on screen together and not give them much to do. What did you think?

Mark: This instalment really belongs to McAvoy, Jackman, Jennifer Lawrence and Michael Fassbender. I didn't care for the "future" plot with the foggy mutants, but I thought the movie snapped to attention when it flashed back to 1973. The sense of time and place seemed very authentic; in one scene Lawrence is dressed exactly like Carly Simon on the cover of her third album. I half expected her to launch into a rendition of You're So Vain at Fassbender. There's some in-

teresting historical revisionism revolving around JFK and Nixon that even conspiracy theorists would find preposterous — more X-Files than X-Men — but I appreciated the creative effort.

RC: It's a movie about time travel, mutants and serious actors like Michael Fassbender saying lines like, "We received a message from the future," so, of course, it's a little preposterous, but wrapped up in the time-bending plot are some interesting ideas about racism, tolerance, war and rebellion. Not usually the stuff of summer blockbusters, but the X-Men franchise has always been a bit brainier than most. At times it's a bit

too ponderous, but I'll take that over the flash-and-trash of most CGI epics.

MB: Me too. I like the franchise for its superior acting, plotting, and its whiff of Ayn Rand objectivism. But it's got a sense of humour, too, which is rarely found in these epics. There's a fantastic scene in this movie where Evan Peters as the young Quicksilver, who can move faster than human time, rearranges an entire tableau of bad guys so they wind up hurting themselves instead of our heroes. But he does it with such juvenile glee that it captures the joy of being a powerful mutant and an adolescent prankster. And cast-

ing height-challenged Peter Dinklage to play a scientist out to destroy the "outsiders" is brilliantly ironic.

RC: The actors are all good, but I would argue that the real stars of the film are the ideas. Magneto, Professor and Wolverine are all complex, cool characters that bring the film's themes to life; all the rest is set dressing, except for the Quicksilver scene you mentioned. That was like The Matrix without Keanu's hang-dog expression.

MB: Oh, and just a warning, Richard. When I googled the film there was a link to a movie called XXX Men. Do NOT click on this link!

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Documentary



Fed Up

Director. Stephanie Soechtig

Stars. Katie Couric

Everything we thought we knew about food and exercise for the past 30 years is dead wrong. Fed Up is the film the food industry doesn't want you to see. From Katie Couric, Laurie David (Oscar-winning producer of An Inconvenient Truth) and director Stephanie Soechtig, Fed Up will change the way you eat forever.

Rotten Tomatoes™ score
Critics: 78% Audience: + 85%

Drama



Only Lovers Left Alive

Director. Jim Jarmusch

Stars. Tom Hiddleston, Tilda Swinton

Set against the romantic desolation of Detroit and Tangier, an underground musician, deeply depressed by the direction of human activities, reunites with his resilient and enigmatic lover. Their love story has already endured several centuries at least, but their debauched idyll is soon disrupted by her wild and uncontrollable younger sister.

Rotten Tomatoes™ score
Critics: 87% Audience: 80%

Drama/Comedy



Million Dollar Arm

Director. Craig Gillespie

Stars. Jon Hamm, Suraj Sharma

Million Dollar Arm follows J.B. Bernstein, a once-successful sports agent who now finds himself edged out by bigger, slicker competitors. He and his partner Aash (Aasif Mandvi) will have to close their business if J.B. doesn't come up with something fast. Late one night, while watching cricket being played in India on TV, he comes up with an idea so radical, it just might work. Why not go there and find the next baseball pitching sensation?

Rotten Tomatoes™ score
Critics: 64% Audience: + 92%

Drama



Belle

Director. Amma Assante

Stars. Gugu Mbatha-Raw, Emily Watson

Belle is inspired by the true story of Dido Elizabeth Belle (Gugu Mbatha-Raw), the illegitimate mixed-race daughter of Admiral Sir John Lindsay (Matthew Goode). Raised by her aristocratic great-uncle Lord Mansfield (Tom Wilkinson) and his wife (Emily Watson), Belle's lineage affords her certain privileges, yet her status prevents her from the traditions of noble social standing.

Rotten Tomatoes™ score
Critics: 80% Audience: 89%

Drama/Action



The Amazing Spider-Man 2

Director. Marc Webb

Stars. Alex Kurtzman, Roberto Orci

In The Amazing Spider-Man 2, Peter Parker finds that a greater conflict lies ahead. It's great to be Spider-Man (Andrew Garfield). For Peter Parker, there's no feeling quite like embracing being the hero, and spending time with Gwen (Emma Stone). But being Spider-Man comes at a price: only Spider-Man can protect his fellow New Yorkers from the formidable villains.

Rotten Tomatoes™ score
Critics: 53% Audience: 72%

Comedy



Blended

Director. Frank Coraci

Stars. Adam Sandler, Drew Barrymore

After a disastrous blind date, single parents Lauren and Jim agree on only one thing: They never want to see each other again. But when they each sign up separately for a fabulous family vacation with their kids, they are all stuck sharing a suite at a luxurious African safari resort for a week in Blended, the third comedy collaboration between stars Adam Sandler and Drew Barrymore.

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Filmmaker sheds light on Night Moves

Behind the greens.
Kelly Reichardt
peeks into the psyches
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Filmmaker Kelly Reichardt's *Night Moves* offers an intimate look into the lives of three radical environmentalists (played by Jesse Eisenberg, Dakota Fanning and Peter Sarsgaard) looking to blow up a hydroelectric dam as a form of protest. And it's quite a detailed look — though she stops short of actually explaining how to build a bomb.

Environmental issues seem to be popping up in films more and more, as the issue is clearly not going away.
But it's been part of the conversation for a really long time. I can't remember



Night Moves stars Dakota Fanning, Jesse Eisenberg and Peter Sarsgaard. CONTRIBUTED

when Earth First started, but people have been trying to lay their bodies down in front of bulldozers that are going to knock down trees for quite a while now, you know? But nevertheless, we were just really trying to make something that

was today and just create a world, basically.

Where did this idea come from?

I don't know, it's been in the air with us for a while. My producer, Neil Kopp, was born and raised in

Oregon, and Neil had grown up with a kid who had done something pretty radical that put him in jail for a while. If you're in the Northwest, it's around you. It's easy to wonder where the waterways came from, it's easy to look at the clear-



Kelly Reichardt. GETTY IMAGES

cuts. People talk about the salmon a lot, so it's all sort of in the air. But then also I had just re-read *Crime and Punishment* and we were drawn to this type of process film, like *Riffifi*, where you take time out in the middle of a film to really show how something's done. That was really attractive to me, the small steps to get to something as opposed to the big moment at the end of it. Basically how to take this little world that we hadn't seen represented in film so much and

put it into the framework of a more traditional genre, and what would that look like?

Of course, when you're showing how people construct a bomb, you don't want to be too detailed.
Oh, you can go on the Internet and figure out how to build a bomb really quickly if you want, you know? For better or worse. I don't think ours acts as a real how-to guide in any way.

Right, you aren't naming types of charges or fuses, at least.

No, but you can Google Timothy McVeigh and find out everything you ever wanted to know, sadly, about building a bomb. You might not even want to put that in your article. My father was on the bomb squad for 20 years in Miami when I grew up, and I can remember being a teenager and some of my sister's friends stealing some of my dad's bomb-building books. The information's out there.

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Falling in love with The Rock

The Grand Seduction.

Brendan Gleeson and Taylor Kitsch lived the laid-back life while filming movie



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The *Grand Seduction* premiered at the Toronto International Film Festival last September, but the movie's star was more concerned about an audience a little east of there.

"I felt they would let us know if they didn't like it," says Brendan Gleeson.

The film is set in a small Newfoundland harbour named Tickle Head where the town fathers have a bid on a petrochemical byproduct repurposing plant that makes ... well, it doesn't matter, as they say in the movie, it makes jobs.

One key element that's missing, however, is a local doctor.

When Paul Lewis (Taylor Kitsch), a city slicker plastic surgeon, lands in the harbour for a month-long residency, the entire place (population: 121) bands together to convince him



Brendan Gleeson and Taylor Kitsch soaked up the laid back life while they were filming *The Grand Seduction*, which opens next Friday. CONTRIBUTED

to stay — by any means necessary. "I really wanted to be at the premier in St. John's," said Gleeson, who is best known as Alastor 'Mad-Eye' Moody in the *Harry Potter* series, "because to me, if the movie worked there, I could let it go. That's all I cared about, really. It needed to have the imprimatur of the Newfoundlanders on it for me.

Their reaction was quiet until they felt the reassurance that it was OK, that they could trust it a little bit more."

The production spent seven weeks shooting on *The Rock*.

"The land and the sea in Newfoundland has a way of worming itself into your heart where you don't feel quite complete without it," said Gleeson.

Quoted

"If the opportunity presents itself and it's right, I'm in."

Taylor Kitsch, Actor

The B.C. born Kitsch on why he jumps at an opportunity to work in Canada when it arises.

Co-star Kitsch concurs. "It's a very simple (way of life)," he says, "and obviously the pace is a lot slower, but once you

get into that, you don't want to leave it. They are very in the moment when you're talking to them. You feel like they are incredibly genuine and grounded and there's no ulterior motive," he said. "Maybe I'm a bit jaded because of the business, but it is refreshing. It is kind of what it means to be a Canadian."

Kitsch spent his off hours training for *Lone Survivor*, a Mark Wahlberg war film he shot immediately after wrapping on *The Grand Seduction* but he took some time to enjoy a great Newfoundland pastime — fishing. "My best friend is an avid fisherman," he says, "so he'd be figuring out what was going on with the moon and what the best tide is and when we should go and would get genuinely upset if we weren't there at exactly 6:12 a.m. dropping lures into the water."

The Kelowna, B.C.-born Kitsch is an in-demand actor these days and can currently be seen in the HBO movie *The Normal Heart*, but says he'd love to do more work in Canada. "I absolutely loved being in Canada," he says, "working on home soil with a bunch of Canadians. "If the opportunity presents itself and it's right, I'm in."

Murder most foul: A Shakey-Quentin smackdown

This year, lovers of literature are celebrating the 450th anniversary of the birth of William Shakespeare. The Bard of Avon is known in part for his dramatic, and at times disturbing, portrayals of death, but how does the violence of his oeuvre stack up against that of the master of big-screen mayhem, Quentin Tarantino?



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Find out about Mayor "Johnson's" troubles on the season finale of *Spun Out*, airing tonight at 8 p.m. ET on CTV

You'd think plopping a character based on Toronto Mayor Rob Ford into a sitcom would be a no-brainer. The embattled mayor, currently in rehab, has been the subject of late-night barbs for well over a year. He even flew to Los Angeles in March to be a guest of Jimmy Kimmel Live, where the host mocked him for dressing "like a magician." Just a week or so ago, David Letterman ran a "Top 10 reasons Rob Ford is taking a leave of absence." No. 10: "His drinking is beginning to interfere with his crack smoking."

On Friday, a rather tubby, out-of-control mayor seeks help on the season finale of the new Canadian comedy *Spun Out*. "Troubled Mayor Seeks Image Makeover," reads the headline on the release promoting the episode. The character is described as, "Lewd. Obnoxious. Drunken. The city's most controversial mayor."

Just don't confuse him with anyone who might actually be the current mayor of Toronto,

pleads *Spun Out* co-creator Jeff Biederman.

Spun Out stars Dave Foley as the head of a public relations firm staffed with people "who can spin anybody's problems but their own." Celebrities sometimes come seeking help. An earlier episode featured a bratty pop star who might have reminded some viewers of Justin Bieber.

Biederman and fellow executive producer and showrunner Brent Piaskoski certainly were aware of Rob Ford when the idea of having an out-of-control mayor seek help from their fictional public relations firm was first kicked around the writers' room.

But the spin they're putting on this *Spun Out* episode is that any resemblance to T.O.'s

troubled top official is purely a coincidence.

"We went with 'mayor' not because of the obvious comparisons to our city's mayor," says Biederman.

"It was mostly because if we go with 'premier' and we do sales internationally, people might not know who that is."

Lawyers generally read scripts to check for potentially litigious issues before an episode goes to camera. The legal team at *Spun Out* did caution the producers to back off some Ford associations. Suggestions to call the character "Dodge" or other car names were quickly dismissed. (He's called "Johnson" in the episode.)

Biederman says Ford's real-life antics had not hit their "fever pitch" back when the episode was written. *Spun Out* is shot before a live, studio audience, with this episode going before the cameras way back last summer. Even then, Biederman admits, the crowd in the bleachers could tell where the writers were going with this.

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Sure...

"It was mostly because if we go with 'premier' and we do sales internationally, people might not know who that is."

Spun Out co-creator Jeff Biederman on why the episode focuses on a mayor

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Miley thinks JLaw needs to get it together

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Metro World News

Jennifer Lawrence stopped by Late Night with Seth Myers to promote her new film X-Men: Days of Future Past, and told Myers and the audience an embarrassing story. Not our JLaw!

In the past, Lawrence says, she hasn't gone to any awards show after-parties, but this year, she brought her best friend to the Oscars and the duo partied down. In fact, JLaw partied so hard that she threw up all over the front porch at Madonna's "big fancy party" post-Oscars.

"I've never gone out after Golden Globes or Oscars or anything. I'm just so sick of people by that point. I'm like, 'Ugh, God!' But this time I was like, 'I'm going out.' And I puked all over," she reveals. "I was in such bad condition, and I look behind me while I'm puking and Miley Cyrus is there like, 'Get it together.'"

When Miley Cyrus



(she of tongue-wagging, molly-bragging, weed-cake-eating fame) looks at

you like that, that's when you know you've got a problem.



Barbra Streisand

Prude or prejudice? Barbra turned off by art book of 'beautiful' gay sex pictures

According to The Normal Heart playwright Larry Kramer, longtime gay icon Barbra Streisand isn't actually so down with the gays. Kramer worked closely with Streisand after she bought the rights to the play, about the early days of the AIDS crisis. "I bought her a book of very beautiful art pictures of two men making love, and she found it very distasteful," Kramer tells the New York

Times. He also took a dig at Streisand by praising director Ryan Murphy, who eventually adapted the play into a film after funding it with his own money, which Kramer says "shows how much he wanted to do this, and how tacky it sort of is that Barbra never would think of something like that." Streisand, for her part, insists her reaction to the photos was a "matter of taste, not gender."



Axl Rose

Guns N' Roses set to split

It looks like it's the end of the road for Guns N' Roses, as the rock band is set to split following its current Las Vegas residency so that Axl Rose — the only remaining original member of the band — can retire. "Axl has made enough money and wants to stop touring. He is considering retiring," a source tells Radar Online. "Band members have been told their calendars are free following Vegas. Axl is considering retiring and it's done. Band members and support staff were surprised when told the news and are actively looking for work."



Mike Myers ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Kanye 'spoke a truth' after Katrina: Myers

It only took nine years, but Mike Myers is finally chiming in on his infamous befuddlement standing next to Kanye West after the rapper let loose with, "George Bush doesn't care about black people," during a televised Hurricane Katrina relief benefit. "For me it isn't about the look of embarrassment on my face, it is truly about the injustice that was happening in New Orleans," Myers tells GQ magazine. "I'm the guy next to the guy who spoke a truth. I assume that George Bush does care about black people — I mean, I don't know him, I'm going to make that assumption — but I can definitely say that it appeared to me watching television that had that been white people, the government would have been there faster."

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Where are you, spring?



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I've given up waiting for spring, not to mention summer. I keep looking at the calendar and then out the window, and nothing seems to be jiving.

Though it may be rainy and cold in most parts of our "wonderful" country, I'm determined to embrace reality and sit out on my deck even if it is with an umbrella in hand.

The liquid philosophy that certain wines are tied to a specific season has always rubbed me the wrong way. While a big-boned red may not be the ideal tippie after mowing the lawn in early August, that doesn't mean you couldn't enjoy a glass with a barbecued steak come dinnertime.

Of course, some wineries target the seasons. E & J Gallo's Barefoot Refresh Summer Red (\$11.95 - \$15.99) has one in its name.

A blend of pinot noir rosé and moscato, it's a glass full of lightly sweet, freshly crushed red berries that go as well with warmer weather as it would with Christmas dinner.

Serving tip: Try over ice. **PRICES REFLECT THE RANGE ACROSS THE COUNTRY. SOME PRODUCTS MAY NOT BE AVAILABLE IN ALL PROVINCES.**



Want a delightful contrast of juicy, crunchy and creamy textures? Annabel Langbein, who brings good food into today's fast-paced world, shows us a salad that meets those expectations from her cookbook, *The Free Range Cook*.



Pear, Walnut and Haloumi Salad: A plate of contrasts



THE FREE RANGE COOK
Annabel Langbein
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1. Heat 3 tbsp of the neutral oil in a fry pan and fry the walnuts over a medium heat until lightly browned — about 2-3 minutes. Lift out of the oil with a slotted spoon and drain on a paper towel. Reserve the oil to dress the salad. Alternatively, roast them dry on an oven tray at 180 C for 12-15 minutes.

2. Halve and core the pears and slice each half into 6-8 wedges. Place in a mixing bowl and toss gently with the lemon juice.

3. Heat the remaining 1 tbsp oil in a fry pan over a high heat. Fry the haloumi slices until they are golden on both sides.

4. Place watercress or spinach in a large mixing bowl. Add the pears and their juices, the walnuts and their oil (if the wal-

Ingredients

- 4 tbsp neutral oil (e.g. grapeseed)
- 1 cup fresh walnut pieces
- 2 just ripe pears
- juice of 1/2 lemon
- 250 g haloumi, thinly sliced
- 6 handfuls (150 g) fresh watercress sprigs or baby spinach leaves
- 2 avocados, cut into chunks (optional)
- salt and ground black pepper



This recipe serves six as a starter. ANNABEL LANGBEIN

nuts have been baked, add 2 tablespoons olive oil), the fried haloumi and the avocado, if using. Season to taste with salt and pepper then toss gently.

Transfer to a serving bowl or individual plates to serve.

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Grow together. With plots ranging from large to small, personal to collaborative, there are community gardens to suit most everyone

Community gardens are much more than neighbouring plots. Given enough energy and enthusiasm, they morph into support groups, horticulture classes, swap meets or modest profit centres for low- and fixed-income growers. Small wonder there often is more demand than availability.

Many have waiting lists. In the Los Angeles area, for example, it can be a year or more before people are able to acquire garden plots, said Yvonne Savio of the University of California Cooperative Extension in Los Angeles County.

"Sometimes, people drive clear across town because that's where their plot

opened up first," Savio said. "Some people bring their tools with them on the bus."

Locations are advertised in newspapers, on the Internet and on neighbourhood bulletin boards. Sponsors vary from churches to hospitals, municipalities to large corporations.

"One of our gardens is run by five guys from a church," Savio said. "They literally farm. They plant what the parishioners want, then harvest the stuff and bring it to church every Sunday."

One Los Angeles-area hospital subsidizes a serenity garden. "They believe it's healthier for people to be outside in nature rather than stuck in hospital rooms," Savio said. "It's not so much what they harvest as it is the occupational therapists being able to exercise their clients."

Many cities offer grants to help get gardens started, said Bill Dawson, a community garden co-ordinator with the Franklin Park Conservatory and Botanical Gardens in Columbus, Ohio. "They rec-



A woman prepares planting beds in her personal plot at the South Whidbey Tilth Community Garden near Freeland, Wash. DEAN FOSDICK/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ognize it's an amenity, much like a park. Corporations are doing it, too, as a perk to employees."

Community gardens range in size from a few four-by-10-foot sections to several acres. They are managed either communally — the people in charge decide what needs to be done and when — or

left open for individual use. Sites might be offered free, or priced from \$5 to \$50 and more per season.

"Most gardens set fees because their expenditures in time, transportation (for gathering fertilizer, compost, mulch), water and storage are so high," Savio said.

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Before you dig in

Consider these elements of community gardening before signing up:

- **Know what you're buying into.** Many people join simply to work on their own in personal plots. Communal gardening, however, is a commitment — a chance to interact and share cultures with others, Dawson said. Be open to teaching or learning.
- **Embrace giving.** Part of the harvest often is donated to food pantries or people in need.
- **Engage in inter-generational gardening.** "Our children come home from school telling us about composting and organic gardening," Dawson said. "The elderly know how to preserve and put things by. Families should learn from each other and enjoy. Share stories."
- **Turn surplus properties into green spaces.** "Haul away the needles and trash and convert the areas into something beautiful and productive," Dawson said.
- **Community gardening prompts families to make healthier food choices.** "They get better at understanding the nutritional value of fresh carrots over fast foods," he said. "And if the kids are growing it, they're eating it."
- **You can sell some or all of what you grow, Dawson said.** "Gardeners can learn marketing skills, while at the same time get some seed money from their gardens."
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Cuban apologizes for racism remark

Dallas Mavericks owner Mark Cuban apologized Thursday to Trayvon Martin's family over his choice of words in an interview in which he addressed bigotry and prejudice.

"We're all prejudiced in one way or the other," Cuban said in the Inc. interview. "If I see a black kid in a hoodie and it's late at night, I'm walking to the other side of the street. And if on that side of the street, there's a guy that has tattoos all over his face — white guy, bald head, tattoos everywhere — I'm walking back to the other side of the street."

"In hindsight I should have used different examples," Cuban wrote Thursday. "I didn't consider the Trayvon Martin family, and I apologize to them for that." **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

World championship

Canada Finnish-ed in quarter-finals

When Team Canada pushed, Pekka Rinne shoved back. The result was Finland moving on and Canada going home.

Rinne made 36 saves as Canada dropped a 3-2 decision Thursday at the world hockey championship at Chizhovka Arena. It was the fifth straight year that Canada has been eliminated in the quarter-finals.

"We had a couple breakdowns," said Canadian captain Kevin Bieksa. "We knew going into this game that the Finns were a team that would sit back and capitalize on our mistakes, and they made us pay tonight."

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The Canadiens celebrate Thursday night's 3-2 overtime victory in Game 3 of the Eastern Conference final in New York. KATHY WILLENS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Canadiens bite back in Big Apple

NHL playoffs. With a clutch outing from goalie Tokarski, Habs avoid 3-0 hole in N.Y.C.

Alex Galchenyuk scored at 1:12 of overtime to give Montreal a 3-2 win over the New York Rangers on Thursday and help the Canadiens get one foot out of their Eastern Conference final hole.

Montreal trails New York 2-1 with Game 4 set for Sunday.

Game 3

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Canadiens

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Rangers

Henrik Lundqvist made the initial save off Tomas Plekanec but the puck bounced in off an onrushing Galchenyuk.

Daniel Briere's goal with 3:02 remaining looked to be

the Montreal winner. But with the goalie out, Chris Kreider tipped in a Dan Girardi shot from an extremely tight angle with 29 seconds left to force overtime. The puck hit the skate of Canadiens defence-man Alexei Emelin on the way in.

The late Montreal goal came after Lundqvist made a fine stop on a Thomas Vanek shot from in-close. But the puck went to Briere who tucked it back in, around the post and off Ryan McDonagh.

Young goalie Dustin Tokar-

ski came up big for the Canadiens, keeping the visitors in a game where New York held the upper hand for long periods. Given the ramifications of a third straight loss, it was a tremendously timely performance.

With less than a minute left, he came to the rescue when he got a piece of a Martin St. Louis shot.

Andrei Markov also scored for Montreal, which was outshot 36-33 during regulation time.

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'Crazy Eights' matchup the focus of semi



Val-d'Or's Anthony Mantha and Edmonton's Griffin Reinhart will see a lot of each other in Friday's semifinal. CLAUS ANDERSEN/GETTY IMAGES

Among the subplots of the Memorial Cup semifinal between Val-d'Or and Edmonton is No. 8 versus No. 8.

The Edmonton Oil Kings want defenceman Griffin Reinhart on the ice whenever Anthony Mantha is Friday.

With last line change as home team, the Foreurs will attempt to spring their 82-goal man for a shift or two without the shadow of Reinhart.

"It's Crazy Eights, right?" Oil Kings head coach Derek Laxdal said. "It's going to be a challenge for Griff and it's

going to be a challenge for Mantha."

The semifinal is a rematch between the Quebec and Western league champions who went to double-overtime Tuesday.

After 81 minutes 15 seconds it ended 4-3 for Val-d'Or on Anthony Richard's breakaway goal.

The semifinal victor faces the Guelph Storm in Sunday's final.

Reinhart and Mantha were teammates on Canada's junior hockey team this year and

are both first-round NHL draft picks.

Mantha was the 20th overall pick by the Detroit Red Wings last year. The New York Islanders selected the six-foot-four, 215-pound Reinhart fourth overall in 2012.

"They've got last change so we'll see how much I end up playing against him," the Oil Kings captain said.

"I like the challenge. I know him a little bit from world juniors, and it will be fun for both of us I think."

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League's-best Buehrle helps Jays sweep Sox

MLB. Pitcher maintains hot streak as Toronto sluggers hit 67-homer mark versus Boston

Mark Buehrle got his major league-leading eighth win with a big boost from Toronto's powerful lineup.

Neither was surprising. "Look what he's done all year," Blue Jays manager John Gibbons said after a 7-2 win over the Boston Red Sox on Thursday. "Who's pitched better in baseball?"

Buehrle (8-1) has eight wins through May for the first time since 2002 and an ERA of 2.16. He gave up two runs in the first two innings, but by then Toronto had seven, starting with homers on consecutive pitches by Melky Cabrera and Jose Bautista in the first inning.

That gave the Blue Jays a major league-high 67 homers and gave Buehrle a big cushion.

The 15-year veteran lefty blanked the Red Sox for his final five innings and allowed seven hits and no walks while striking out five in seven innings.

Dustin McGowan pitched two shutout innings as the Blue Jays took a half-game lead over the New York Yankees in the AL East.

"It's nice, obviously" to lead the majors in wins, "but I've always said you can go out your next eight starts and (stink) and be under .500," Buehrle said. "I try to throw it out the window and get ready for my next start."

"We're in a stretch of games here where we're giv-



Toronto Blue Jays starting pitcher Mark Buehrle pitches to the Boston Red Sox during the first inning at Fenway Park, Thursday, in Boston. CHARLES KRUPA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

On Thursday

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Blue Jays

2

Red Sox

AL East beware

"He just missed some spots and they're hot right now. Missed spots against these guys, they're going whack it.... I think the frustrating thing for him was he made some good pitches and they got hits."

Boston Red Sox catcher A.J. Pierzynski on the Blue Jays' stellar hitting in a poor outing from typically reliable Sox pitcher Jon Lester

ing up too many runs early and we're scuffling to score runs," Boston manager John Farrell said. "That's a dangerous combination."

Red Sox ace Jon Lester (4-6) had his worst outing of the season, allowing seven runs

and seven hits through 1 1/3 innings. Then he settled down and retired 12 straight batters before giving up a single to Kevin Pillar with one out in the seventh. But Pillar was caught stealing.

Buehrle retired 11 of his

last 12 batters. He began the day tied with Zack Greinke, Rick Porcello and Adam Wainwright with seven wins each. The Dodgers' Greinke was scheduled to pitch against the New York Mets on Thursday night. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Not 'that' talented. Straight-faced LeBron says Heat not best in class

LeBron James has perhaps a surprising take on the Miami Heat: To him, they're not the most talented bunch.

Yes, he was serious.

In James' eyes, much of Miami's success hasn't been primarily about talent, but more about execution and know-how — especially so in the closing moments of games, the stretch that the Heat have long called "winning time." Fourth quarters have been a strength lately for the Heat, something they hope is the case again on Saturday when their Eastern Conference title series against the Indiana Pacers resumes in Miami.

"We're talented, but we're not that talented," James said. "We have a really, really good team. We have some very talented guys. We're not the most talented team, I don't think, in the NBA. There's a lot of other talented teams. We



LeBron James
GETTY IMAGES

have some very, very high-IQ basketball players. And I think IQ is more important than talent."

James wouldn't say which teams he thinks are more talented.

But there's no arguing which team has been the best in the last two seasons — and the way the Heat close games are a big reason why that's the case.

They've called it "winning time."

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Western Conference

Oklahoma City turn to history

All the Oklahoma City Thunder can do now is cling to history.

Two more victories by the dominant San Antonio Spurs in the Western Conference finals, and Kevin Durant and the Thunder will be just that.

The Thunder stagger home down 0-2 in the series, smarting from a 35-point beatdown in San Antonio in Game 2 on Wednesday night. It's the same deficit the Thunder

faced against the Spurs in the 2012 Western Conference finals before they won four straight and advanced to the NBA Finals.

"We've been there before," Durant said after managing just 15 points in the 112-77 defeat. "You know, we try not to just say since we were down 0-2 two years ago and we end up winning, we'll do the same thing."

The situations are similar only at first glance. Sure, the two-game deficit is the same, but the hole seems so much bigger.

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Horoscopes

Aries

March 21 - April 20

Money issues have taken centre stage for some time but now the Sun has changed signs you should be a bit more relaxed about what you own and what you earn. If your social life has suffered make up for it today.

Taurus

April 21 - May 21

You need to come down to earth and deal with matters of a practical nature. Above all, you must be sensible with money, especially if you are the kind of Taurus who takes an "easy come, easy go" attitude to cash.

Gemini

May 22 - June 21

Your head and heart are working in harmony now, so anything you begin over the next few days will be successful. Don't let the doubters talk you into changing your plans.

Cancer

June 22 - July 23

To make sense of what occurred in recent weeks you need to stand back and see life from a wider perspective. What is it all for? Where is it all taking you? These are the sort of questions you need to ask.

Leo

July 24 - Aug. 23

It may seem as if you have reached your limits. There are people who will happily help you out but what you need to realize is they can't read your mind. If you need help — ask!

Virgo

Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

Over the next few days you will get the chance to put some of your big ideas to the test. One of those ideas could turn your life around and send you off in a direction you never imagined.

Libra

Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

One of the best times of the year for you is now under way, so get rid of any negative attitudes and start looking forward to all the good things that will be coming your way.

Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

The more you try to give up things you know aren't good for you, the more you end up indulging. Maybe you need to wallow in what you desire until you desire it no more.

Sagittarius

Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

Now that the Sun has moved into the partnership area of your chart, you will have to take what others think and see and need into account more than you usually do.

Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

Over the next few days you will have to decide what is worth carrying on with and what needs to be junked. Don't let sentiment play a part in your decision: put your needs first.

Aquarius

Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

Dark days are behind you and everything light. Well, maybe it's not that good — yet. But it's now within your power to change your life in major ways. Forget about yesterday, today is the only day that matters.

Pisces

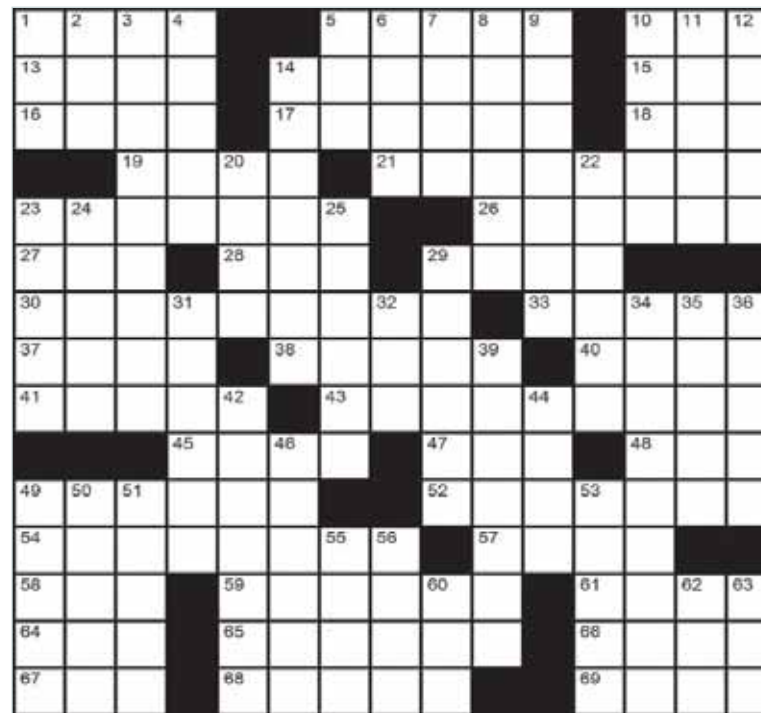
Feb. 20 - March 20

Social activities are important, of course, but your home life is what you should be focusing on now. If there are problems in the domestic sphere it's unlikely you will be happy in other areas, so look for solutions — you'll find them. **SALLY BROMPTON**

Crossword: Canada Across and Down

Across

1. Mag. readership
5. Plank
10. Alsatian artist Jean
13. Crosswords creature
14. Follow
15. Chemin de ____ ('Railroad' in French)
16. Agyness ____ (English model)
17. Canadian channel, Travel + ____
18. "Eww! Don't tell me!"
19. Sunup
21. Stir-fry veggies: 2 wds.
23. City Opera Vancouver's new show making its world premiere tonight (See #54-Across for more!)
26. Seizes control
27. Handheld add-on
28. ____-pack (Sit-up doer's goal)
29. Non-nobleman
30. "Don't Walk Past": New Wave hit for what Canadian band?: 2 wds.
33. ____ male
37. Honolulu gifts
38. TV show: French
40. Persian Gulf land
41. Kiln kinds
43. Southwestern Ontario: Lake Erie community with an Imperial Oil refinery
45. Tilled
47. Active ingred. in marijuana



48. "Alice" boss
49. Literary introductions
52. ____ Cat
54. For the opera about the Mohawk/Quaker poet and performer at #23-Across... Music: Tobin Stokes - ____; Margaret Atwood

57. Tartan-wearing bunch
58. Noun's li'l modifier
59. Beauty treatments site: 2 wds.
61. Palomino's pace
64. Bee's follower
65. On ____ basis
66. Stagnate
67. Owest's opposite

68. Brewer's ____
69. Convict's unit

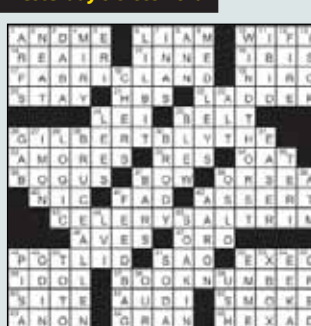
Down

1. Scoundrel
2. Dvorak's "Symphony No. 9 ____ Minor"
3. Canadian actor whose roles include Michael on "La

- Femme Nikita" and Maurice Richard in "The Rocket" (2005): 2 wds.
4. Ship's 'locked' route
5. Greyhound vehicle
6. Hostile-to-Hobbits humanoids
7. "____ example..."
8. "Supermodel (You

- Better Work)" singer
9. ____ diving
10. Blue Rodeo's "____ the Rain"
11. Update a route
12. Fuddy-duddy
14. Phased-out Canadian coins
20. Will-o'-the-____
22. ____ Works and Government Services Canada
23. Mr. Picasso
24. Cop ____ (Bargain in court)
25. Stretch
29. Some fabrics
31. Biblical heroine
32. Canadian rapper, JD ____
34. k.d. lang's "Friday Dance ____"
35. Cod-like fishies
36. Anoint, archaically
39. 'E' in PETA
42. Glass Tiger hit
44. 'Alphabet' suffix
46. Mansion's setting
49. Canada ____ (Pink-hued government building in Edmonton)
50. Fairground features
51. ____ d'art
53. Coldplay's recent song
55. Ms. Banks
56. 'Psych' suffix
60. Toronto-born actor Mr. Mastroianni
62. Chicago's state [abbr.]
63. ____ number

Yesterday's Crossword

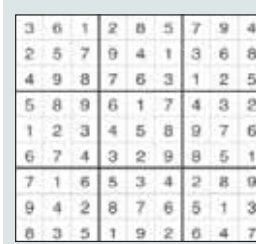


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